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WE'RE FOR AMERICA! AMERICANS!

The most dangerous evil to this country in late years has been the indiscriminate issue of naturalization papers to ignorant foreigners—admitting them to full citizenship with the most intelligent in the land. This abuse, more than any other cause, has been the warrant for the organization of numerous Patriotic Societies, whose membership has now reached into the millions and whose objects are the preservation of American institutions by placing a limit on foreign influence and control.

The effect of these Societies is being felt, and their principles must meet the indorsement of all true Americans, and by Americans we do not imply only those who were born in America, for there are many good American citizens who were born in Ireland and Germany and elsewhere.

Among the recent noteworthy events in regard to the naturalization of foreigners is the praiseworthy action of Justice PRYOR of New York, whose course is commended by the Democratic Sun of that city.

Justice PRYOR rules out those applicants for papers of naturalization who are wholly ignorant of the character of our Government.

One day last week nine men of foreign birth sought to obtain these papers from him, but after putting a few questions to them he refused to consider their case further.

In one instance, for example, he learned by direct inquiry that an applicant knew nothing of the Declaration of Independence, or of the Constitution, or of Congress, or of any branch of the Government.

Others among the applicants were hardly less ignorant, and some of them, in making answer to the Justice's questions, gave indirect evidence that they knew no more about this country than its name. They had lived here for the prescribed term of five years without gaining the slight amount of knowledge needed to qualify them for obtaining papers of naturalization.

It would be wrong to intrust such men with the responsibilities of American citizenship, and we are pleased that several Courts, both State and Federal, have recently taken this view of the case. Our Government is grounded in the popular intelligence, and it can be sustained only as long as the mass of its citizens possess some acquaintance with its nature and principles. Persons of foreign birth certainly ought not to be permitted to participate in its direction until they have taken the pains to read its Constitution, and to know what is implied in the taking of an oath of allegiance thereto.

After Justice PRYOR had rejected the application of each of the unqualified men who stood before him, he made this announcement:

"I shall refuse to naturalize any more persons, or to admit them to citizenship, unless they have read the Constitution of the United States and can speak the English language, which is the language of this country. Persons who cannot fill these requirements need not come before this Court. They will only waste time by so doing."

Justice PRYOR has not been the first occupant of the bench in New York City to take this ground; but we are not the less gratified with his course because of that. His announcement is just and lawful. Only such men as know that we have a constitutional Government are fit to be or to become citizens of the United States.

The Postoffice and all its contents burned last night at Murphysville.

Hall's Hair Renewer is pronounced the best preparation made for thickening the growth of the hair and restoring that which is gray to its original color.

KENTUCKY NEWS.

The Latest News From All Parts of the Commonwealth.

THE LEGISLATORS.

Motion Made to Recommend the Poolroom Bill in the House.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 23.—SENATE—No business of importance transacted in the senate Wednesday.
HOUSE—The Graziani anti-poolroom bill came up Wednesday morning and had smooth sailing till Clark of Warren, entered a motion to recommit the bill to the judiciary committee. It having previously been reported from the committee, on public morals. While this was under debate Gov. Bradley sent in a message to the house calling attention to the costs of circuit courts and suggesting an amendment to the constitution to limit terms of circuit courts in some counties to two terms in each year. Barnett, of Ohio, offered a resolution calling on the auditor for a statement of the list of indebtedness of the state, which was adopted. Graziani, of Covington, reported favorably from the committee on county and city courts a bill providing for recording town and village maps. Brown, from the revenue and taxation committee, reported favorably a bill providing for the listing of property which is incumbered by mortgage or other recorded indebtedness. The amount of such indebtedness is to be deducted from the list of taxable property. Mr. Carroll, of Louisville, replied to Graziani, warmly resenting what he termed reflection on the judiciary committee. The motion to recommit was carried by a vote of 91 to 28.

A DEADLOCK.

In the Kentucky Legislature Predicted Until After Wilson's Successor is Elected.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 23.—Republicans and Democrats all agreed Wednesday night that there will be no election of senator till after February 6, unless there is an unforeseen accident or some democratic dies before that time. Wednesday's ballot indicates very plainly that Senator Stege will stand by his agreement to vote against Hunter till the new man from Nelson county takes his seat.

After February 6 there is absolutely no telling what will be done. Some of the conservative republicans like John W. Yerkes, Senators Landes and Petrie, Congressman Lewis and Gov. Bradley are opposed to the revolutionary method of unseating enough democrats in the house to give a majority to Hunter or whoever may be the republican candidate on February 6. They are opposed to it because they know that the democrats in the senate will give tit for tat by turning out republican senators.

Ex-Congressman Turner Dead.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 23.—Ex-Congressman Oscar Turner died at his home here Wednesday afternoon. He became a distinguished figure in congress over a decade ago, becoming known nationally as the "outlaw." Judge Turner earned this sobriquet by a series of remarkable contests for the seat in congress from the First Kentucky district, running as an independent in defiance of the democratic party. He was so popular that he was returned for two other terms, and the party machine abandoned the effort to defeat the "outlaw," as his enemies dubbed him. He was 50 years old.

War on Insurance Rates.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 23.—The present legislature will be besieged with petitions and bills seeking to have something done to reduce fire insurance rates in cities of the second, third, fourth and fifth classes. Delegates appointed by all these cities have arranged to have a convention here on February 4 to agree on the best method of accomplishing the desired reduction in rates, and each city represented will invoke the aid of its legislative member to pass the bill agreed upon.

Struck by a Saw.

WHITESBURG, Ky., Jan. 23.—Wednesday evening, while two small children belonging to Mr. Thomas Johnson, of Cowan, were playing under a large pit saw, they accidentally jarred one saw loose, it falling on them, striking them, one in the head and the other in the shoulder, inflicting severe if not fatal injuries. One tooth of the saw entered the skull of the child, from which it is suffering untold agony.

A Bloody One-Armed Fight.

WALTON, Ky., Jan. 23.—A bloody fight occurred on the street here Wednesday night between Alfred Stephens, a one-armed white man, and John Taylor, a one-armed Negro, in which Stephens was badly beaten up with a sandbag, and the Negro received some ugly wounds. Stephens' wounds were pronounced serious.

Very Like a Panther.

SERGEANT, Ky., Jan. 23.—Reliable information has just reached here from Mallie, near Hindman, Knott county, that that section is terribly terrorized over the appearance of an animal of monstrous size something like a panther. It has been seen at night by several of the most prominent people of that section and all will testify to the same.

Died a Poor Man.

MT. STERLING, Ky., Jan. 23.—William Mitchell, aged 77 years, died Wednesday morning of heart disease. He was an officer in the new Farmers' bank from its organization until its failure. He was once a rich man, but died without a dollar. To charity he had given away more than \$50,000.

Gov. Bradley's Reception.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 23.—The first reception was given in honor of the general assembly by governor and Mrs. W. O. Bradley Wednesday night. The invitations were general and several hundred people besides the legislators called to pay their respects to the chief executive and his wife.

Alleged Incendiarist Jailed.

HARRODSBURG, Ky., Jan. 23.—Wednesday morning Marshal Helm, of Danville, landed George Ingraham in the Harrodsburg jail, charged with having burned a large barn filled with tobacco about two months ago on the McKee farm.

A Youthful Murderer.

MIDDLESBOROUGH, Ky., Jan. 23.—Burney Williams, aged 12 years, who was shot by his brother Bob, aged 15, in a quarrel at Harrodsburg Tuesday, died Wednesday morning of his injuries.

WANT RELIEF.

Manufacturers Association Holds Sessions in Chicago.

They Decide to Ask Congress to Institute an Investigation

Into the Largely Increased Imports From the Orient—Japanese Imitate the Patterns and Inventions of Western Nations and Then Undersell Us.

CHICAGO, Jan. 23.—The National Association of Manufacturers Wednesday decided to ask both branches of congress to institute an immediate investigation into the largely increasing imports of articles of oriental manufacture which are gravely menacing the industries of this country. An important report bearing upon the subject was received and adopted. There was a long debate upon majority and minority reports from the committee on revision of the constitution. The majority report presented by F. S. Fish, of Indiana, favored depriving manufacturers' clubs or state clubs of representation, thus allowing only the individual manufacturers, firms or corporations to have a voice or vote in the organization.

In the report on the extensive importation of Japanese products the committee said: Japan does not confine herself to spinning cotton. Her people are introducing a great variety of manufacturing industries, all using improved machinery, and they are imitating the patterns and inventions of the western nations with impunity, because there is no protection for either the patents or trade marks of foreigners in Japan.

Articles of Japanese manufacture have appeared in our eastern cities, rivaling and underselling American articles suitable for similar purposes. Japanese matting is now crowding out cheaper kinds of Philadelphia carpets. Japanese rugs made in imitation of American patterns are sold in great quantities in preference to American rugs of higher value. Brushes are sold at retail in eastern cities for about the American value of the manufactured brushes. American watch manufacturers are selling to Japan cases for excellent movements made there for this market. There can be no concealment of the fact that some of our manufacturing industries are gravely menaced by this rivalry of a country where skilled labor may be had at a cost of 10 or 15 cents a day, or less than one tenth of the cost of such labor in our own country. Your committee does not care to discuss the causes of this menace or the methods by which the peril may be averted. We believe that the National Association should, however, take cognizance of the matter and should ask that congress shall investigate the subject in a thorough and comprehensive manner, so that the people may fully understand it.

INDIAN WAR VETERANS.

A Favorable Report on the Bill for Their Relief.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—The house committee on pensions Wednesday ordered favorably reported the bill for the relief of the survivors of certain Indian wars and their widows. The measure extends to this class the provisions of the act of July, 1892, which will give a pension of \$8 per month. The extension of the act will benefit those who served in the Seminole war of 1818, the Ferve River, Ills., war of 1827, the Sabine Indian disturbances of 1836 and 1837, the Cayuse war of 1847, the Texas and New Mexico war of 1849 to 1855, the California Indian disturbances of 1851 and 1852, the Utah Indian trouble of 1850 to 1853, and the Oregon and Washington war of 1851 to 1858.

SILVER MEN.

A National Convention Will Probably Be Held in St. Louis in July.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—A large number of prominent silver men met here to arrange for holding a national convention to put a ticket in the field for the presidential campaign. The different committees were selected by Chairman Warner. It is understood the committee on organization recommend that St. Louis be selected as the place of holding it, on a date about ten days after the assembling of the democratic forces in Chicago on July 7. This will make the silver convention coincident with the populist convention in St. Louis. The committee will also furnish a plan for the selection of delegates and the manner of organization.

Violated the Neutrality Law.

COLON, Jan. 23.—Proceedings have been commenced for the seizure by the authorities of the vessel Barclay Golden, which arrived at Panama on the 20th inst., with Gen. Antonio Ezeta Casin and Vallatore among her passengers, for violation of the neutrality laws, in engaging in a filibustering expedition against San Salvador. Mr. Viguiera, United States consul general at Panama, has consulted the government at Washington in regard to the case.

Comet Medals Awarded.

LICK OBSERVATORY, Cal., Jan. 23.—The Astronomical Society of the Pacific coast has awarded two comet medals as follows: First to C. D. Perrine, assistant astronomer in the Lick Observatory, for his discovery of an unexpected comet on November 17, 1895; second to Prof. W. E. Brooks, of Geneva, N. Y., for his discovery of an unexpected comet on November 21, 1895.

Schooner Alice Missing.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 23.—Alaskan advices state that no news has been received at Sitka of the schooner Alice which left port some weeks ago on a prospecting tour. Capt. Fillmore was in charge, and Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Smith, residents of Sitka and a crew of six were on board.

CONDENSED NEWS

Gathered From All Parts of the Country By Telegraph.

The president has approved the act improving Aransas Pass, Tex. Sir Henry Geo. Calcraft died in London Wednesday afternoon. He was born in 1836.

In joint session of the Iowa legislature Wednesday Senator Allison was re-elected senator. This will be his fifth term.

The Midvale Steel Co., of Philadelphia, has received an order from the government for \$50,000 worth of first-class shells.

Hon. James I. Fellows, agent general in London of the colony of New Brunswick, died in London Wednesday morning.

The Figaro claims to have received private advices that the Abyssinians captured the Italian fortress at Makalle on January 10.

The treasury gold reserve Wednesday at the close of business stood at \$50,618,659. The withdrawals for the day as reported amounted to \$181,000.

C. L. Carpenter & Co., wholesale hardware dealers, Knoxville, Tenn., failed. Liabilities, \$16,000; assets, \$30,000. Their doors were closed Wednesday morning.

Judge E. L. Burton considered one of the ablest jurists in the northwest, died at Ottumwa, Ia., Wednesday morning, aged 63 years. He had been ill for several months.

The bill of exceptions in the case of W. H. T. Durrant, convicted of the murder of Blanche Lamont, was presented to Judge Murphy Wednesday. It makes 763 typewritten pages.

At San Francisco the court-martial of Capt. Healy, of the revenue cutter Bear, who is charged with drunkenness, commenced Wednesday afternoon. The trial will be conducted in private.

It is more than likely that Chairman Harry will issue the official call for the national democratic convention within the next few days, either the latter part of this week or the beginning of next week.

Ezra F. Bowman, wholesale jobber of jewelers' and watchmakers' supplies, of Lancaster, Pa., made an assignment Wednesday without preferences. Liabilities, \$50,000; assets are believed to aggregate the same amount.

At Waukegan, Ill., in Justice Chatewell's court Daniel Coore, a farmer, shot and killed John Dillon, a neighboring farmer. He intended to kill Joseph Baker, another farmer, but Dillon got in the way just as Coore shot.

The steamer Coptic, from the Orient, reports as missing the British steamer Bonington, which sailed from Kobe, Japan, December 3, from Hong Kong. The Bonington carried three passengers, a crew of 32 and a cargo valued at \$60,000.

Forecast for Thursday.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—For Kentucky—Rain in eastern, clearing and colder in western portion; winds becoming westerly.
For Indiana—Rain or snow; clearing weather and colder in western portion; easterly, shifting to northwesterly winds.
For Ohio—Rain or snow; northwesterly winds.

THE MARKETS.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 23.
FLOUR—Spring patent, \$3.45; spring fancy, \$3.10; 3's, spring family, \$2.90; winter patent, \$3.35; 3's, winter family, \$2.70; 3's, extra, \$2.95; low grade, \$2.05; 2's, rye, \$1.50; 2's, \$1.50.
WHEAT—One ear No. 2 red sold early at 69c.
CORN—Sales: No. 2 white, track, 28c; mixed, 27c; No. 2 yellow, 26c.
OATS—Sales: No. 2 mixed, track, 21c; No. 2 white, track, 22c; do, choice, 23c; No. 2 mixed, light color, track, 21c.
CATTLE—Receipts, 600 head; shipments, 35. Fair to good shippers, \$3.45; 4's, choice, \$4.25; good to choice butchers, \$3.55; 4's, 1's, fair to medium butchers, \$3.25; 4's, common, \$2.50; 3's, 1's.
VEAL CALVES—Fair to good light, \$5.00; 5's; extra, \$6.00; common and large, \$4.00; 4's; fair to good shippers, \$4.50; 4's; select butchers, \$4.25; 4's; fair to good pickers, \$4.00; 4's; fair to good light, \$4.00; 4's; common and roughs, \$3.75; 4's.
SHEEP AND LAMBS—Sheep—Extras, \$3.25; 3's; good to choice, \$2.50; 4's; common to fair, 1's, 2's, 3's; Lambs—Extras, \$4.50; 4's; good to choice, \$4.25; 4's; common to fair, \$3.25; 4's.
WOOL—Unwashed: Fine merino, per lb, 83c; quarter blood, 13 1/2; medium, 12 1/2; medium, 12 1/2; coarse, 12 1/2; medium, 12 1/2; washed: Fine merino, 10c; to XX, per lb, 13 1/2; medium, 12 1/2; 1st; delaine, fleece, 15c; long combing, 14 1/2; quarter blood and low, 13 1/2.

WHEAT—No. 2 red, March, 71c; 71c; May, 69c; 70c; July, 69c; 69c.
CORN—No. 2 May, 35c; 35c; No. 2, 35c; 35c.
OATS—No. 2 May, 24c; western, 24c; 25c.

TOLEDO, O., Jan. 23.
WHEAT—No. 2 red, cash, 69c; No. 1, 71c; No. 3 red, cash, 67c.
CORN—No. 2 mixed, cash, 30c; 30c; No. 3 mixed, cash, 27c; No. 3 yellow, 28c.
OATS—Nothing doing.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 23.
CATTLE—Good heavy 2's, \$4.15; light to fair butchers, \$3.50; 2's; veals, \$4.00; for heavy, light, \$4.50; 4's.
SHEEP AND LAMBS—Choice to prime lambs, \$4.00; good to choice, \$3.10; 4's; light to fair, \$2.50; 4's; mixed sheep, good to choice, \$2.50; 2's; fair to good, \$2.00; 2's; 1's.
HOGS—Good to choice Yorkers, \$4.25; 4's; light, \$4.30; medium and heavy, \$4.30; for pigs, \$4.20; 4's.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 23.
CATTLE—Receipts light; market slow; prices very fair. Prime, \$4.10; 4's; good butchers, \$3.50; 4's; feeders, \$3.25; 4's; fresh cows and springers, \$15.00.
HOGS—Medium weights, best, \$4.40; 4's; Yorkers ruled slow, \$4.25; 4's; heavy hogs, \$4.10; 4's.
SHEEP—Export weathers, \$2.70; 2's; common to prime, \$1.75; 2's; lambs, \$3.00; 2's; calves, \$2.50; 2's.

CHICAGO, Jan. 23.
Calls on May wheat opened at 64c, sold between 64c and 65c, 64c, last price 64c. Puts opened at 62c, last price 62c.
Calls on May corn opened at 29c, sold between 29c and 29 1/2c, last price 29 1/2c. Puts opened at 25c, sold between 25c and 25 1/2c, last price 25 1/2c.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 23.
WHEAT—No. 2 red spot, January and May, 70c; 71c; southern, 71c; 72c.
CORN—Mixed spot and January, 34c; 35c; February, 34c; 35c; March, 34c; 35c; 1st, mixed, 34c; 35c; southern corn, 34c; 35c.
OATS—No. 2 white, western, 24c; 24c; No. 3 mixed, 23c.

KY.—No. 2, 40c, near by; 40c for western.

CATTLE—Market quiet and prices ranged from \$3.15 to \$4.50.
HOGS—Good to choice medium and heavy, \$4.10; 4's; mixed, \$4.00; 4's; choice light, \$4.10; 4's.
SHEEP—Receipts 300 head; shipments fair. Lambs: Little slow to-day at unchanged prices.

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